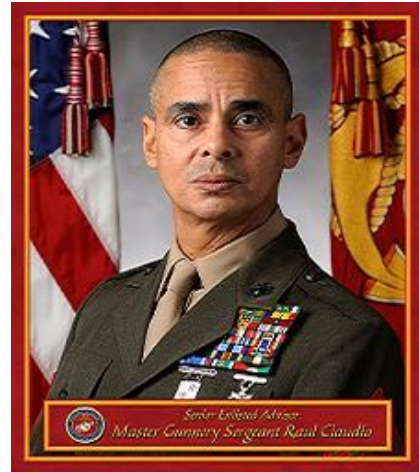




MGySgt R. Claudio **Senior Enlisted Advisor of** **Semper Fit and Exchange Services (MR)**

Born and raised in Philadelphia, MGySgt Claudio attended the Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Retail Management in 1983. Raul Claudio became PFC Claudio when he joined the Marine Corps at the age of 22. He was soon assigned to MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C. and began MOS training in the 4131 field as a basic Exchange Marine. In February of 1984 he was attached to BSSG-4 for several months in support of joint NATO exercise "Battle Griffin" in Norway. LCpl Claudio was soon learning how to set up tactical field exchanges (TFE) in a foreign country and was promoted to Cpl the following year.



From 1985-1987 Sgt Claudio was stationed at the MCLB in Albany, GA and served as the assistant Main Store manager. In 1987 he was stationed at Cherry Point, N.C. and served as the manager of the Staff NCO housing 7 Day store, the Troop 7 Day Store, and as the assistant manager of the Main Store. Soon Sgt Claudio was on the move again, this time to MCAS Iwakuni, Japan for a one year unaccompanied tour in 1989. While in Iwakuni, he was attached to CSSD-36 for several months in support of exercise "Cobra Gold" and operated a tactical field exchange (TFE) in the jungles of Thailand.

Having been back at Cherry Point for six months after his overseas tour, Sgt Claudio was soon packing his gear again, this time for his first combat tour. In January of 1991 he was attached to 2D FSSG at Camp Lejeune, and sent to Saudi Arabia in support of Desert Shield / Desert Storm. For six months he helped support and operate the twenty TFEs serving tens of thousands of Marines, Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen involved in the war against Iraq.

In 1994, SSgt Claudio was stationed at MCLB in Barstow, CA. and served as the Main Store manager. From 1996-1998, SSgt Claudio had the honor of serving as a Drill Instructor at MCRD, San Diego, CA. In 1998, GySgt Claudio returned to his first duty station, Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he served as the Operations Chief for the Retail Division. In the summer of 2002, MSgt Claudio was attached to BSSG-2, for several months in support of joint NATO exercise "Dynamic Mix" in Spain.

Upon his return from "Dynamic Mix" MSgt Claudio was executing orders for a three year tour in MCAS Iwakuni, Japan, serving as the Business Operations Chief. MSgt Claudio worked for the Business Operations Director, which employed several hundred American and Japanese national workers. In December 2003, while serving overseas in Iwakuni, MSgt Claudio went TAD in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from Feb 2004 to Sept 2004. During this period MSgt Claudio served as the MCCA SNCOIC at Camp Fallujah, responsible for retail, services and Warfighter Express Service Team mobile exchange operations in the Area of Operation.

Returning to MCAS Iwakuni to complete his overseas tour, in January 2005 MSgt Claudio, went TAD to Thailand in support of Tsunami relief efforts for the island country of Sri Lanka, and initiated planning for TFE operations. In July 2005 MSgt Claudio received PCS orders to MCAS New River, where he served as the MCCA Chief.

In September 2005, MSgt Claudio was once again executing TAD orders in support of Iraqi Freedom for his second tour. While in Iraq, MSgt Claudio served as the SNCOIC of Camp Al Asad Retail and Services, which included a Direct Operation Exchange-Tactical, several annex stores, two Forward Operating Base TFEs, a multi-restaurant Name Brand Fast Food court, several barbershops, beauty shops and gifts shops with average sales of over \$150,000 per day, while supervising 15 Marines and 200 American and Third Country National employees.

While serving in Iraq, MSgt Claudio was selected off of the E-9 Promotion Board for the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant of Marines. Completing his OIF tour in March 2006 he returned to MCAS New River. In May 2006 MSgt Claudio pinned on the rank of MGySgt.

In February 2007 MGySgt Claudio was once again went TAD in support of Iraqi Freedom for his third tour, this time serving for a year as the MCCA Chief of the MCCA Detachment and overseeing all MCCA operations within the Marine AO in Anbar Province, to include Camps Al Asad, Al Taqqadum, Ar Ramadi and Al Fallujah. In March of 2008 MGySgt Claudio completed his OIF tour, returned to MCAS New River and executed PCA orders to Camp Lejeune in June 2008.

While at Camp Lejeune, MGySgt Claudio served as the MCCA Chief until executing PCS orders to MCB Quantico in June 2009, filling the Occupational Field Sponsor billet for the 4133 MOS Marines. In addition MGySgt Claudio was assigned as the MCX Operations Chief at MCCA HQ, initiating a team effort to stand up an MCCA 4133 MOS School House through TECOM.

In March 2011 MGySgt Claudio executed TAD orders to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for his fifth combat tour. While serving as the MCCA Chief, MGySgt Claudio oversaw MCCA Retail, Services, MWR and Warrior Express Service Team (WEST) operations for Camp Leatherneck, Camp Dwyer, and Camp Delaram, within the Regional Command Southwest AO. MGySgt Claudio completed his OEF tour in October 2011 and was reassigned as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for MR Division upon his return.

Currently serving as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the MR Director of Semper Fit and Exchange Services Division under M&RA, MGySgt Claudio is hoping to make a positive difference for the Marine Corps' MCCA programs and to improve the 4133 MOS community while serving as its Occupational Field Sponsor.

His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars in lieu of third award, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one gold star in lieu of second award and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Master Gunnery Sergeant Claudio is married to the former Anita L. Vasquez of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They have five children: Angelica, Rebekka, Desirae, Valencia and Bianca.